

RESOLUTION NUMBER 131
CELEBRATING THE 75th ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LEGION B-K-Z MEMORIAL POST
422

WHEREAS, on the Southside of the City of St. Louis, the Polish community around Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish had many young men who volunteered for service to defend our country in World War II; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 1944 Sergeant Stanley J Kuszaj was killed in action in Germany while serving with the 92nd Station Hospital, at the age of 31; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 1945 Private John S. Barlog was killed in action in Belgium while serving with the 376th Infantry Division, at the age of 19; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 1945 Corporal Frank S. Zero was killed in action on Okinawa while serving with the 6th Marine Division, at the age of 22; and

WHEREAS, to recognize their ultimate sacrifice for our country, their friends who were back from the war applied to the American Legion in the name of Barlog-Kuszaj-Zero Memorial; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 1946, the American Legion granted Permanent Charter to B-K-Z Memorial Post 422; and

WHEREAS, we honor and recognize Robert “Bob” Boxdorfer Sr., who expanded Post 422’s presence to the State level serving as Department Commander, and then to the National level serving as Aide to the National Commander; and

WHEREAS, we honor and recognize William “Mr. Bill” Wirtel for opening Post 422 to the Soulard neighborhood and serving as Ambassador-At-Large with the neighborhood’s efforts to maintain the Post’s legacy and vision; and

WHEREAS, we ask all to reflect upon the founding members whom had just returned from WWII, seeing a need to continue their service to their fellow comrades in arms and to honor those veterans of the many wars that followed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to Celebrate the 75th Anniversary and declare November 13, 2021 as BKZ Memorial Post 422 Day. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12th day of November, 2021 by:
The Honorable Dan Guenther, Alderman 9th Ward

Adopted this 12th day of November, 2021 as attested by:

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen